

RAINBOW DIVISION ANXIOUS TO FIGHT; ALL THE MEN WELL

Gifts From Home Have Arrived—Training Goes on Speedily—Plenty of Food.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—American forces of the Rainbow Division and other units are reported to be anxious for battle.

Only a small portion of the United States forces has been tested by fire, but reports to the War Department show that training is proceeding as well as when the call of battle comes the Rainbow—showing the colors of twenty-six States—along with other organizations will give good account of themselves.

The Rainbow boys are well and happy—at least as happy as a set of men could be whose steps stray far from home in the holiday season. They are well supplied, too. The knick-knacks from home have arrived and have been distributed, but even were they not the Rainbows would not want.

"We can get everything here that we would have at home," wrote the son of Gen. Frank H. McIntyre, army censor, responding to a letter asking that he say just what he really needed or wanted on Christmas.

Incidentally, both McIntyre and Secretary Baker approved the idea of a story of the Rainbow troops. Secretary Baker held it would be proper to have a Christmas story of a unit that "the Rainbow Division, in France for some time, is doing splendid work." Gen. McIntyre, censor, thought a Christmas message about that body was proper, despite restrictive rules on mention of names and of units abroad, their numbers and location.

"Have they been under fire yet?" he was asked.

"No, I believe not," he replied. "The American units are shaping up well. They are enthusiastic and apt. Training in the open and hard and constant drill are making muscles of steel."

They have plenty of good, wholesome food, the equal of home cooking, and without that stint of conservation rules which apply to American homes. The Y. M. C. A. is providing them with clean amusement. Their rules are such that they are less exposed to vice than they would be in the average American city.

Secretary Baker and his aides are pleased with the spirit and development of the troops. Their push and unity "assist the American's participation in the war will be wholehearted, earnest and vigorous, and that the tremendous task of achieving victory will not fall into unwilling hands," he declared.

Baker voiced his confidence in victory to-day in a message to the troops, and extended the warmest greetings of himself and the War Department to the men in training and "over there."

**FRANCE WEEDING
ITS AGED OFFICERS
OUT OF THE ARMY**

Sixty-two Years Now Limit for Corps Commanders and Sixty for Division.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Premier Clemenceau has sent a circular letter to Gen. Pétain and all the army chiefs pointing out that the experience of three years of war has shown that existing age limits are too high, and that with a few exceptions commands are not effectively exercised at over fifty-six years for a regiment, fifty-eight for a brigade, sixty for a division and sixty-two for an army corps. Under these conditions, he adds, general and field commands hereafter must be given to younger men.

The only exception to this rule will be general officers recommended to retain their commands on the personal responsibility of generals commanding armies.

"In the future, the Premier declares, no promotions will be made to the rank of general of officers who have served only a short time in the line. This policy will result in placing at the head of the fighting troops, he hopes, chiefs who know them well and in whom the soldiers can have full confidence from having seen them at work. The same principle will be used in promoting field and subordinate officers."

WOULD RUSH SOLDIER SUITS

Lawyer Asks for Speedy Trial of Damage Actions.

Attorney William J. Wilson to-day called the attention of Justice Holt to the fact that scores of soldiers and sailor plaintiffs are anxiously waiting to have their cases called for trial.

"They are anxious," said Mr. Wilson, "because, in most cases—I refer to damage suits and other actions—claims would be lost if they should be killed before judgment in their favor are rendered."

The attorney appeared in behalf of Louis Gabovitz, now in a United States infantry regiment, who is suing the Conkey Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company for \$5,000 because of alleged assault and false arrest.

Lack of Beauty Is Due to Defects of Soul And Can Be Corrected, Says Woman Painter



Mira Edgerly, Who Has Painted the Beauties of Civilized World, Declares Mere Beauty to Be Tiresome and That's Why She Likes to Paint Personality and Why There Is Nothing "Sugary" About Her Work—Real Beauty Must Have Poise, Serenity, Calm and Qualities of Soul.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

If you don't like your own face there is something the matter with your soul or mind.

"Our bodies are really just the expression of our minds. Our thoughts make our features," Mira Edgerly assured me yesterday afternoon.

Mira Edgerly has painted practically all the great beauties of England and the United States. Her portraits on ivory have had an enormous success in London, and this success is now being duplicated in New York at the exhibition she is holding at No. 417 Fifth Avenue.

A daughter of the Setting Sun, Mira Edgerly came to this city a few years ago with just \$10 in her pocket, because she had found success in California "too easy." She stayed here a while and then, realizing that she was getting along famously, sighed for a new world to conquer—and went to London. Even London presented no braiding difficulties. Within a short time she had painted the Dukes of Connaught, her daughter, the Princess "Pat," the Princess of Wales, Countess Curzon—oh, everybody's portrait read about in the Court Circular, assuming that anybody does read it. Then the war came. Mira Edgerly brought four penniless Americans back home with her, and started in again. By this time she had become resigned to the fact that she paints far too well to hope for difficulties anywhere.

MISS EDGERLY sat among her portraits yesterday afternoon. They are warm, wonderful pictures, the studied intimacy we have come to expect from painters on ivory. Her women have color and charm and individuality, and her children—mainly children of noble houses in England or of large fortunes in New York—are as gay as buttercups and simple as daisies.

"Personally, I prefer faces with serious defects of feature," announced this painter of beauty. "Beauty succeeds too easily. You enter a room and you see a woman with lovely hair, perfect features, a harmonious skin. She gives you no more than if she were a statue, a picture or a chair. But the woman with defects has to charm you into forgetfulness of them by personality. For that reason her effect is much more permanent than the beauties. I have painted many beauties and many personalities. You know many women are called beautiful who are really just terribly pretty. Beauty to me must have poise, serenity, calm, qualities of soul."

"The Countess of Curzon, formerly Mrs. Alfred Dugan, an American woman, has a very beautiful face. She has great poise as well as beauty and intelligence. But I know another famous beauty, an Englishwoman, whom I would not expect to talk to me about anything except the kind of face powder she uses, and who rouses her lips four or five times during dinner. Now, that sort of prettiness is very tiresome. Even men are bored by it after a little."

"Beauty, to be really beauty, must

have qualities of mind. That's why I believe we make our own faces, and if a woman has something about her appearance that she dislikes let her look for the trait of character back of it and eradicate it."

"YOU have painted great English beauties and lovely Americans—which type do you prefer?" I asked Mira Edgerly.

"I prefer to paint personality," she answered. "English women have breeding as well as beauty, but they are very slender. They are built almost like boys. Lovely shoulders, of course, but if you see a woman at the opera in London with a good bust, why, you know she is an American. English women wear their clothes more unconsciously, and they don't sit up so straight in public places as our women do. Do you know, I think the fact that every woman in the Golden Horseshoe at the Metropolitan Opera House who sits up so rigidly and consciously rather takes from the effect."

"I agree with you," I said. "Women at the opera here always look as if they were showing off to the audience instead of appearing unconscious of it."

"A WOMAN should not look as if she belonged to her clothes, but as if her clothes belonged to her," Mira Edgerly continued. "You asked me awhile ago about the age of beauty there. There is no age of beauty. A beauty may be of any age, depending on the age of her soul. One of the most beautiful women I have ever painted is between fifty and fifty-five, and her face has no lines. She is so careful of it that she never smiles without first holding her upper lip with a little lace handkerchief to keep the muscles from making lines."

"How silly!" I exclaimed involuntarily.

"Ah yes, to you or me, because we are workers," agreed Mira Edgerly. "But not from her point of view. You see her life consists in keeping her face beautiful for the dinner table. Her life does not begin till eight o'clock really. And she rarely gets up before noon. You see she is a great lady."

"Well, she sounds more like a gay lady than a great lady to me," I interrupted.

"That's just your American point of view," Mira Edgerly exclaimed. "Of course holding her upper lip with a lace handkerchief seems a trivial thing to you, but in that woman's life it is very important."

"But she can't hold a little lace handkerchief up to her nose—and you say it is the goal that makes and keeps beauty?"

Mira Edgerly laughed. "I see I shall have to agree with you," she said.

WE spoke then of the enormous success American women have had in England, of the number that have captured the great prizes of the marriage market.

"Oh, that's their wit, their esprit," Miss Edgerly exclaimed. "You see English women have been taught for centuries that manners are so much more important than thoughts. American women are daring and clever and original, and yet no woman

can succeed in London without becoming utterly disillusioned."

"How does it feel to be the rage?" I asked an American woman who had achieved such a success as a beauty that people in drawing rooms simply stood around exclaiming, "Oh, isn't she perfect?" whenever she appeared.

And the beauty of the hour answered, "I want to stick out my tongue at them. I was in these same drawing rooms meeting the same people five years ago when I was much more beautiful than I am now, and not one of them looked at me."

"A reputation for beauty is so largely a matter of accident," Mira Edgerly added. "And what passes for beauty is a thing of surfaces, but personality is a thing of soul."

U. S. FLAG IS RAISED ON STRASSBURG MONUMENT

Great Crowd Witnesses Ceremony at Paris in Honor of Alsatian City.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Strassburg Monument on the Place Concord, which during the years before the war was draped with crepe and for which flowers and bunting were substituted in August, 1914, to-day flies the Stars and Stripes alongside the French tricolor. The American and French flags were raised over the monument to the Alsatian city yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd, which, in spite of the biting frost, uncovered as the two emblems were unfurled. American Ambassador Sharp and a number of delegates from societies of natives of Alsace-Lorraine were present.

The flags were raised in the name of the General Alsatian-Lorraine Association of America and the World League of New York for the Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine. Gustave Blumenthal of New York, Jules Siegfried, President of the Alsatian Societies and Deputies from Havre, and Maurice Harter of the French Academy were the speakers.

DRIVE BEGUN TO MAKE ARMY ABROAD BONE DRY

National Temperance League Opposes Pershing's Order Permitting Beers and Wines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Anti-Saloon League of America will begin an immediate fight to make the American Army in France "bone dry."

Following Gen. Pershing's order permitting the use of beers and light wines in the United States Army at the front, E. C. Dinwiddie, Chairman of the National Temperance League Legislative Bureau, formally announced to-day the league will oppose all intoxicating liquors for soldiers abroad.

Dinwiddie said: "Gen. Pershing had no business to issue that order. His action was in defiance of the will of Congress and of the American people. The league will take immediate steps to secure any necessary legislation to annul the order, or if it is only a departmental order that is necessary we will attempt to get that annulled."

150 Children Christmas Guests of the United Club.

William Farnum, the movie star, and his wife and daughter, Adelle, were guests of honor at the Christmas celebration given yesterday by the United Club, No. 242 East 34th Street, to 150 children chosen at random from the lists furnished by charity organizations. Mr. Farnum gave a large contribution to the club.

The entertainment was arranged by the working women, who are the club members, and the Christmas tree about which the children were seated when the gifts were distributed had been fitted up by the soldiers and sailors who are made at home in the club rooms when off duty.

Attention! Housewives!

To the Evening World Housewives' Protective Association:

Fair retail prices have been suggested by the Food Board for a number of necessities of life. The Board is carrying out, in this action, the plan outlined by The Evening World to stop profiteering in food. Below is printed the table of prices, together with a blank form, which the members of the association are requested to fill in and mail to The Evening World Food Price Department. The Food Board has only a small force to investigate and report on how the price list is being observed. The Evening World asks for the co-operation of the Housewives' Protective Association. This is a great opportunity for every member to "do her bit" in helping to keep food prices within fair limits. The prices assure the retailers a very reasonable margin of profit.

Fill in blank spaces and mail to FOOD PRICE EDITOR, EVENING WORLD.

(Name of dealer.)		(Address.)	
(Name and address of member of Housewives' Association.)			
		DEALERS' PRICES.	
		Consumers should pay:	
Article.	Grade.	Medium retail neighborhoods.	Low rental neighborhoods.
Potatoes.	U. S. No. 1.	0.31 lb.	0.33 1/4 lb.
	U. S. No. 2.	0.2 2-3 lb.	0.23 1/4 lb.
Beans.	Lima.	.14-.16 1/4 lb.	.17 lb.
	White.	.15-.18 1/4 lb.	.16 1/4 lb.
	Kidney.	.16-.18 1/4 lb.	.17 lb.
Rice.	Whole head—package.	.09-.11 lb.	.11 lb.
	Bulk.	.08 3/4-.10 lb.	.10 lb.
Dried Peas.	Whole, green.	.11-.13 lb.	.14 1/4 lb.
	Split, green.	.18-.19 lb.	.20 lb.
	Whole, yellow.	.08-.11 lb.	.13 lb.
	Split, yellow.	.08-.11 lb.	.13 lb.
Lentils.	California 30-40.	.17-.18 1/4 lb.	.19 lb.
Prunes.	Oregon 30-40.	.14-.15 1/4 lb.	.17 lb.
	California 30-40.	.14 1/4-.16 lb.	.16 lb.
Sugar.	Granulated.	\$8.60 cwt.	.09 1/4 lb.
	Cut.	\$9.35 cwt.	.10 1/4 lb.
	Brown.		.09 lb.
Bread.	Factory wrapped, 16 oz.	.07 1/4 lb.	.09 lb.
	Store wrapped, 16 oz.	.07 lb.	.07-.08 lb.
Cheese.	American.	.26-.29 lb.	.31 lb.
Raisins.	Muscadel, seeded, package.	.10 1/4-.13 lb.	.14 lb.
Commeal.	Yellow.	.05 1/2-.06 3/4 lb.	.07 lb.
Onions.		.03 1/4 lb.	.04 1-3 lb.
Wheat Flour.	White—loose.	.06-.06 1/4 lb.	.26 for 3 1/2 lbs.
Egg Flour.	Loose.	.05 1/2-.08 lb.	.27 for 3 1/2 lbs.
Eggs.	Candled, storage No. 1.	42-45 doz.	45 doz.
Meat.	Sirloin, untrimmed.	23-.25 whole loin.	.30 lb.
	Round steak—top cut.	.25 1/2-.27 lb.	.31 lb.
	Round steak—bottom cut.	.25 1/2-.27 lb.	.31 lb.
Fish.	Frozen Steak Cod.	10-.12 lb.	.21 lb.
	Frozen Spanish Mackerel.	.18-.20 lb.	.24 lb.
	Whiting, frozen.	.04-.05 lb.	.09 lb.
	Fresh water mackerel, frozen.	15-.17 lb.	.21 lb.
	Butterfish, frozen.	10-.12 lb.	.13 1/4 lb.
	Smelts, frozen.	20-.23 lb.	.24 lb.
	Smelts, green.	20-.25 lb.	.25 lb.
	Halibut, frozen.	20-.22 lb.	.31 lb.
	Flounders, green.	10-.14 lb.	.14 lb.
	Flounders, frozen.	.03-.06 lb.	.10 lb.
	Sea Bass, frozen.	15-.17 lb.	.16 lb.
	Weak, frozen.	12-.14 lb.	.16 1/4 lb.
Roll'd Oats.	Bulk.	.05 1/4-.06 1/4 lb.	.07 lb.
Barley.	White—loose.	.05 1/4-.06 1/4 lb.	.10 lb.
Macaroni.	Loose.	10-12 lb.	.12 lb.
Butter.	Best Storage.	.46-.48 lb.	.51-.53 lb.

FEDERAL FOOD INQUIRY TO SHIFT TO NEW YORK

Hearings Also to Be Held in Boston Following Preliminary Revelations Regarding Packers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Victims of the Food Trust investigation were determined on by food trust investigators at a conference with Special Investigator Francis J. Heney to-day. The trial of the alleged trust, uncovered at the preliminary most hearings, will be followed up by further hearings in Boston, New York and possibly another eastern city probably before the New Year, it was announced.

The commission today outlined a comprehensive plan for investigation of the food control and price problems throughout the United States. First the large Eastern centers will be searched for evidence of food hoarding, secret control of food distribution and price manipulation.

Mr. Heney will then move into the West and investigate the handling of the Nation's living essentials from their very beginnings on the farms and in stock yards and packing facilities. Hearings are expected to be held in Chicago, Kansas City and other centers where the Food Trust is entrenched.

So far the commission's investigators have encountered no group of food magnates comparable in power to the packers. Indications, according to Mr. Heney, are that their hold on most is duplicated on a half dozen other food staples.

MORE WORKERS RECEIVE BONUSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Gifts by Equitable Office Building Corporation and Woodstock Hotel Company.

The Equitable Office Building Corporation announced to-day that it would give every employee who earned less than \$2,100 this year a Christmas bonus of 5 per cent. of his year's earnings. The company also will give every employee in its service not less than six months a life insurance policy for \$500, which policy will be increased \$100 for every year of service until a maximum of \$1,000 is reached.

The corporation will establish a co-operative store or take other means to enable its employees to purchase necessities at cost.

The Woodstock Hotel Company announced that, in pursuance of its plan of division of profits with employees in its service one year or more, it will give every employee this year 40 per cent. of the monthly wage for the first year and 20 per cent. for every additional year, up to ten years. This bonus will be paid in Liberty bonds and war saving stamps.

The Chemical National Bank has distributed among its employees a Christmas bonus amounting to 10 per cent. of their annual salaries. This makes a total extra payment of 25 per cent. during the current year. In addition to this, a review of the prevailing greatly increased living expenses, the directors have set aside a further sum of 10 per cent. of employees' salaries to be paid during the year 1918. These distributions are in addition to a generous increase in salaries to take effect the first of the year.

AMERICAN GIFTS TO ITALIAN TROOPS BY THE RED CROSS

U. S. Consul at Venice as Its Agent Makes Tour of Trenches.

VENICE, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—American Christmas cheer will be carried to the Italian soldiers in the trenches and to the sick and wounded soldiers in and around Venice by U. S. Consul at Venice, Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll left Venice with Gen. di Viterfrancesca to make the tour of the trenches. They were accompanied by detachments of soldiers with trucks bearing huge bundles of gifts for distribution among the troops.

Each soldier will receive a package containing socks, handkerchiefs, tobacco, sweets, some articles of food and a distinctive present.

Another distribution will be made in Venice to wounded soldiers and civilian poor. Large numbers of wounded are now coming in from the Piave to the hospitals at Venice. Each of these will be remembered with clothing, food and sweets.

The civilian poor are being cared for regularly to the number of 1,300. Eight hundred receive meals at one American soup kitchen and 400 at another. In addition to the extra Christmas dinner each woman and child will receive a present of clothing and food. The clothing consists of blankets, shawls, underclothing and stockings, most of which has been manufactured in the American Red Cross factory at Maestra, a suburb of Venice.

The city of Venice remains comparatively undisturbed by the recent renewal of enemy pressure on the lower Piave nearest Venice, where the line is twelve miles east of the city. While shells from the heavy guns could reach Venice, it is known that the enemy has been unable to bring across the river anything except machine guns and a few pieces of small calibre. No shells have fallen anywhere near the city. The rumble of the bombardment can be heard day and night, but the population has become accustomed to it, as it has to the previous menace from the air and the sea.

LEWISOHN NAMES THE MEN WHO'VE RUN FUSION FINANCES

Gives List of 52 Members of Committee to Prosecutor and Tells of Luncheons.

Sam A. Lewisoohn, Treasurer of the Fusion Committee, furnished to Assistant District Attorney Kilroe to-day the names of fifty-two members of the Finance Committee of the Mitchell organization, and also the names of those who attended the several luncheons given, with the date of each of these gatherings.

Mr. Kilroe was particularly anxious to know what particular interest could have induced President Patterson of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton to subscribe liberally to the election of a Mayor of New York.

"I suppose," replied Mr. Lewisoohn, "he was but one of many who realized what a wonderful example had been set for the whole country by the Mitchell administration. Its efficiency had made every one sit up and take notice."

Richard H. Williams of College Point, Joseph Flanagan, Deputy County Clerk of Queens, and another official from Queens have been subpoenaed.

'WILD WEST' SOLDIERS FREED

Three Who Held Up Chop Suey Place to Leave for France.

John Dudley, John Scott and Herman Schaefer of Cheyenne, Wyo., members of the One Hundred and Tenth Ammunition Train, who held up a Sands Street chop suey restaurant in Wild West style recently, were released on suspended sentences to-day by County Judge Dike in Brooklyn. They had pleaded guilty to assault in the third degree.

Judge Dike said investigation showed the men were telling the truth when they said that they had been ordered to hold up the restaurant and that one of them lost \$100 in a poker game through the agency of a fifth ace. That was when they drew their guns. The Court said if the police did not immediately act to close up such "best holes" the Federal Government should get busy.

The soldiers were defended by Edward J. Kelly. They are expected to take the next steamer for France.

Naval Medical Directors to Be Promoted to Rear Admirals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Medical Directors George H. Barber and Edward R. Stitt of the Navy will be promoted from the rank of captain to rear admiral as soon as Congress reassembles, in recognition of distinguished services. Dr. Barber is at the head of the Naval Hospital at Los Angeles, Cal., and Dr. Stitt is head of the Naval Medical School at Washington.

Help the men who are fighting for you
Do your bit to help save the Nations
Wheat crop...
When you go to the Grocer
Runke's the COCOA
with that "chocolate" taste